

156, honoring the men and women of the U.S. Capitol Police as they celebrate the 175th anniversary of the police force.

Congress established the Capitol Police during the administration of John Quincy Adams. Ponder how different the world was then, when the U.S. Congress was a young and largely untested deliberative body located in a relatively isolated town that was as much wilderness as it was settled territory.

In the last 175 years, the world has changed immeasurably, and so has the work of the Capitol Police.

Today the U.S. Capitol—which is simultaneously a national shrine, tourist attraction, and working office building—imposes extraordinary security requirements.

For example, more than three million tourists visited the Capitol complex in 2000. At the same time, the Capitol hosted more than 1,200 American and foreign dignitaries and 1,000 special events, and was the site of nearly 500 scheduled demonstrations. In addition to lawmakers and their staffs, a sizable number of journalists, concerned citizens, lobbyists, and service personnel also work within the Capitol complex.

To address these security requirements while keeping Congress as open and accessible as the Framers of the Constitution intended, the mission of the Capitol Police has expanded to provide the Congressional community and visitors with the highest possible quality of a full range of police services. These services are provided through the use of a variety of specialty support units and a network of foot patrols, vehicular patrols, and fixed posts.

In modern times, the Capitol Police have also had to cope with emergencies, bombings and shootings, including the tragic 1998 murders of Officer J.J. Chestnut and Detective John Gibson, that remain so painfully fresh in our memories.

After that tragic event, Congress properly heightened Capitol security, adopting a posture that requires considerable additional manpower. Recent events in the Middle East and elsewhere have obviously underscored the need for more officers and greater security. Fortunately, additional resources have been provided.

Congress has appropriated money to fund all the additional officers the Capitol Police can hire and train. Supplemental funds have also been provided to address needs identified since September 11, 2001.

Today, the Capitol Police face evolving threats from those who, for whatever reason, wish our country and our democracy harm. What was unthinkable only 18 months ago, has been done. We must remain vigilant and prepared as we work to rid the world of the scourge of terrorism and preserve and expand the promise of peace and democracy.

We will continue to rely on the Capitol Police as the first line of defense for the People's House and all who work and visit here.

The men and women of the Capitol Police meet their challenges with courage and a level of professionalism not exceeded anywhere. Since the dastardly attacks of September 11, and again after the heightened security level of the past few months, Capitol Police officers, under the able leadership of Chief Terrance Gainer, have worked long hours under adverse conditions. These men and women clearly represent the best that America has to offer.

I want to express my personal thanks for a job well done and wish the United States Capitol Police a sincere and happy 175th anniversary.

Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of H. Con. Res. 156.

CONGRATULATING THOMAS SACCO, RECIPIENT OF THE PURPLE HEART

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2003

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Thomas Sacco, a veteran of World War II. After waiting 58 long years, he has finally been awarded the Purple Heart that he earned as a young private while serving his country in Europe.

Private Sacco was barely 18 years old when he volunteered to serve as a paratrooper in the famous and sometimes feared 101st Airborne division.

He was wounded in the town of Noville, Belgium. As his outfit advanced toward the Axis Army he was struck by shrapnel in his left arm and back and rendered unconscious.

58 years later his heroism and sacrifice is being recognized by the United States Government.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to call Thomas Sacco a constituent and I ask you to join with me in thanking him for his service.

RECOGNIZING NATHAN A. LAUDICK ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2003

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize my constituent, Nathan A. Laudick of Van Wert, Ohio, who recently accepted his appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Nathan will soon graduate from Van Wert High School. During his high school career, he has maintained a high grade point average. He is an accomplished athlete, earning varsity letters in football, and track and field. And, he has clearly demonstrated his leadership ability, serving as a class officer and student body officer. He is a member of the National Honor Society.

Nathan Laudick can be very proud of his many accomplishments. He is a credit to his family, his school, and his community. By accepting his appointment, Nathan is accepting a unique challenge.

The Academy is the pinnacle of leadership development for the United States Army. As a member of the United States Corps of Cadets, he will face a most demanding academic curriculum and physical regimen. He will live, study and prepare in an environment where strong leadership thrives, individual achievement is expected, and personal integrity is demanded.

Mr. Speaker, General John W. Vessey, Jr. once wrote, "The Nation's ability to remain

free and at peace depends in no small measure on whether we will continue to inspire our youth to serve."

I am confident that Nathan Laudick has the character and ability to excel at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him well as he begins his very important service to our nation.

HONORING DR. KURT KORAL AS HE IS RECOGNIZED BY THE CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL ASSOCIATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2003

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the Connecticut Dental Association in extending my sincere congratulations to Dr. Kurt Koral who will be honored today with the Distinguished Service Award.

In a career that has spanned nearly four decades, Dr. Koral has worked diligently to improve the field of dentistry. In addition to his private practice, he has and continues to serve on the staffs of both the Hospital of Saint Raphael and Yale-New Haven Hospital. He is also an Associate Professor at the Yale University School of Medicine's Department of Surgery. As a surgeon, professor, and legislative activist, Dr. Koral has touched the lives of thousands.

Throughout his career, Dr. Koral has demonstrated a unique commitment to the field of dentistry through his participation in numerous professional organizations and continued advocacy. Past President of the New Haven Dental Association, Fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Society and the American College of Dentists, and member of the Connecticut Dental Association, among many others, since 1968—Dr. Koral has committed a lifetime of leadership to his profession.

I have often spoke of the importance of participating in the legislative process. I believe that through these efforts real change can be made. Dr. Koral shares this belief and has worked hard over the years to effect public policy at every level of government. Today, as Chairman of the Connecticut Dental Association's Legislative Council, Dr. Koral is a leading voice in matters important to the Association and the field of dentistry.

For his many invaluable contributions and unparalleled advocacy, I am honored to rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Kurt Koral as he is recognized with the Connecticut Dental Association's Distinguished Service Award. Through his continued advocacy and constant participation, he has made a real difference in the lives of many. His efforts are sure to inspire others for many years to come.

HONORING MRS. CAROL A. GREINER

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2003

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Carol A. Greiner. Carol has